

HON. S. B. ELKINS.

Frederick C. Crawford, the famous Correspondent,

WRITES A REMINISCENT LETTER.

Mr. Elkins' Public Life Reviewed—His First Meeting With Blaine and the Beginning of the Intimate Friendship Which Continued Until the Death of the Great Statesman—Mr. Elkins' Home Life and His Scholarly Attainments—His Splendid Generalship.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Twenty years ago Stephen B. Elkins was a delegate in Congress from the territory of New Mexico. James G. Blaine was speaker of the house. By a single speech Mr. Elkins won a national reputation for himself and secured the passage through the house, by a majority of more than two-thirds, of an enabling act for the admission of New Mexico into the union as a state. This is one of the few instances on record of a single speech passing an important measure in Congress. The bill was passed by the senate, but with a slight amendment, and as it was near the close of the session, there was not time to bring it up in the house again. Thus the bill failed to become a law. Had it passed, Mr. Elkins would have been one of the United States senators from the new state.

Fate decreed otherwise, but now after a lapse of twenty years Mr. Elkins' ambition is about to be realized. That he will be the next United States senator from this state is as certain as anything can be in politics that has not actually taken place, and it seems that the election will be unanimous.

THE RECOGNIZED REPUBLICAN LEADER.

There is an element of poetic justice in Mr. Elkins' selection in view of the past, but if he had no other claim to the position his chance of getting it would be slim indeed. The reasons for Mr. Elkins' election are obvious. He is recognized as the leader of the fighting Republicans of the state. It is largely due to his leadership and magnificent generalship, more than to anything else, that West Virginia has taken her place permanently in the columns of Republican states. Republican success in West Virginia last year, was not merely the result of the tidal wave which swept over the whole country. Conservative Democrats concede that a radical change has been going on in this state during the past two years, and that if the conditions at the last election had been only normal, the Republicans, in all probability, would have carried the state by a small plurality. In other words, they frankly admit that unless some new issue can be developed in the future, West Virginia is practically certain to go Republican as Ohio or Michigan or any of the strong Republican states.

When the Democrats gerrymandered West Virginia after the election of 1888, they freely made their boasts that the Republicans could carry the state by a majority of 10,000 to 15,000 and yet be unable to secure a majority in the legislature. Most of the old-time Republican leaders were disposed to accept this statement as a fact, but it was not so with Elkins. The latter had become identified with the development of the resources of the state, and he promptly accepted the challenge thrown down by the Democrats. The greater the obstacle that confronted him, the more determined he became to overcome them. This, it can be said parenthetically, is one of Mr. Elkins' characteristics. He is a ceaseless, untiring worker and possesses to an unusual degree what is known as American grit. The result in this state last fall is a complete vindication of his judgment. The victory was far more sweeping than appears on the surface. Chairman Wilson's total vote in his congressional district was within 500 of the vote he received in 1892, when he was elected by a majority of about 1,200. Yet the majority against him last fall was over 2,000, showing that his defeat was not due so much to Democratic apathy as it was to Republican activity. Had the Republicans relied upon Democratic indifference, a Democratic United States senator would succeed Mr. Camden.

A MAN OF INTELLECTUAL ATTAINMENTS.

Intellectually Mr. Elkins stands in the first rank. Graduating at the head of his class at the Missouri University, at the age of eighteen, Mr. Elkins has since achieved a brilliant success in the world of finance and at the bar. It is not too much to say that he is one of the best lawyers in the country. If he chose to hang out his shingle in New York and devote himself exclusively to the law, he could earn a large income. Fifteen years ago, Mr. Elkins' income from the law alone was in the neighborhood of \$50,000 a year. In the management of his railroad, coal and mining properties, Mr. Elkins keeps supervision of all legal matters pertaining to them, although he does not go into court. Throughout his active life, however, he has been a close student of literature. At home he is more often found in his library than in any other part of his house. He reads for recreation and keeps abreast of modern thought and modern literature. His private library is said by judges to be one of the finest and best selected libraries in the country.

Few men combine so many great qualities as Mr. Elkins' career abundantly shows. His extraordinary executive ability enables him to manage a presidential campaign and keep in touch with his various business enterprises at one and the same time. West Virginia Republicans believe that in electing Mr. Elkins senator it will help attract capital to the state, and also aid materially in the development of its resources. This unquestionably is true. For the past fourteen years Mr. Elkins,

associated with his father-in-law, ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, has been identified with the development of West Virginia. Through Mr. Elkins and the gentlemen with whom he has been associated, West Virginia has made very rapid strides to a position entitling her to rank as one of the important states of the Union.

A PROGRESSIVE AND SUCCESSFUL MAN.

Like all progressive and successful men with positive convictions, Mr. Elkins has made enemies. He is quick to decide and take a stand on any important matter that may come up. He has never followed a policy of temporizing, hence it has frequently happened in the course of his career that his judgment has led him to oppose the opinions and desires of a great many people. Some of the opposition to Mr. Elkins in the past was due no doubt to the fact that he was Mr. Blaine's intimate friend and champion. Many blows were aimed at Mr. Blaine over Mr. Elkins' shoulders. But Mr. Elkins has never for a moment regretted his espousal of Mr. Blaine's cause. He has never felt called upon to apologize for his friendship to the great Maine statesman. In fact, he says frankly that Mr. Blaine's confidence and friendship, which he enjoyed without interruption for twenty years, up to the time of Mr. Blaine's death, are the proudest recollections of his life.

THE MEETING WITH BLAINE.

The writer recently asked Mr. Elkins to give an account of how the attachment between Mr. Blaine and himself began.

"Mr. Blaine was speaker," said Mr. Elkins, "when I went to Washington as a delegate from New Mexico in 1873. He had the power to attract and command men to a greater degree than any man I have known. I was drawn to him at the start. Mr. Blaine told me afterwards, when we got better acquainted, that what made him notice me at first was the surprise that I was an American and spoke English. New Mexico at that time had a very large Spanish population, and most of my predecessors were of that race. After I had been in Washington a few weeks I decided that I must make the acquaintance of the speaker if I wished to serve the interests of my constituents. We were at the same hotel, and the opportunity presented itself one morning when I caught Mr. Blaine breakfasting alone. I introduced myself, telling him that I was a stranger and a long way from home; that I was inexperienced, and did not know the ways of the capital, but that I had learned enough to know the value of a friendly word from the speaker. Mr. Blaine laughed, and invited me to sit down. He began asking me questions in that quick way of his, and in a few minutes he knew all about me. As I was leaving him I mustered up courage to say, 'Mr. Speaker, I should like to have my temerity in addressing you rewarded with some little promise of recognition. I do not want you to forget that New Mexico has a representative on the floor who desires, occasionally, to be heard.'"

"Come to me," said Blaine cordially, "whenever you want anything. I will help you all I can," and he was as good as his word.

"It is needless for me to say that I soon became an enthusiastic Blaine man. The friendship formed then continued without interruption to the day of Mr. Blaine's death. At the Cincinnati convention in 1876 I worked night and day to nominate him and was greatly disappointed at his defeat. I have since that time taken a deep interest in national politics for presidential contests only."

BUSINESS SUCCEEDS POLITICS.

After each presidential campaign Mr. Elkins resumes his business immediately and for the succeeding three years is completely absorbed in it to the exclusion of politics. In 1884 he was chairman of the executive committee that had charge of Mr. Blaine's campaign. Two days after the election Mr. Elkins was back in his office attending strictly to his business and to all outward appearances the campaign and all its anxieties, had been dismissed from his mind.

Mr. Elkins was an important factor in securing the nomination of Mr. Blaine at Chicago in 1884 and of Harrison in 1888 and also in 1892. Some of his friends believe that but for Mr. Elkins Mr. Harrison would not have been renominated in Minneapolis.

The writer recently asked Mr. Elkins this question:

"Was Mr. Blaine really a candidate for the nomination in 1892?"

Mr. Elkins looked thoughtful. "Some day," he said, "the story of the Minneapolis convention may be told, but not now. I can say this much, however, I went to Mr. Blaine eight months before the meeting of the convention and told him that if he wanted the nomination we would all be for him; that the President would cheerfully step aside in his favor."

"Why, you know, Elkins," said Mr. Blaine, "that it is impossible for me to think of such a thing as running for the presidency. My health will not permit it for a moment. I believe Mr. Blaine was perfectly sincere in his refusal to permit the use of his name. It was the ambition of my life to see Mr. Blaine President, and no one could have been more pleased than myself if it had been possible to have made Mr. Blaine our candidate in 1892."

MR. ELKINS' PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

Mr. Elkins is in his fifty-third year. He looks somewhat younger, which is a little remarkable considering the active life he has led. He is over six feet tall and will weigh in the neighborhood of 190 pounds. His face is smooth-shaven and set in rugged outlines, revealing the strength and force of its owner's character. His eyes are keen and sharp, but in conversation they light up with a very kindly expression. As a speaker and debater Mr. Elkins will be able to hold his own with any of the members of the senate. His public addresses have been of a very high character and have been widely published throughout the country. In the use of the English language Mr. Elkins has few superiors.

In all the public positions held by Mr. Elkins the salaries attached to them have not been sufficient to pay his expenses. Politics to him has been a luxury and diversion. It is interesting to follow briefly his career. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, in 1841. At a very early age he moved with his parents to Missouri. His independence of thought was disclosed by his joining the Union army, although his father and brother enlisted in the Confederate service. He served about a year in the army and held the rank of captain. While he was stationed at a post not far from Kansas City, Major General Schofield passed through the place, accompanied by his staff and nearly 200 men. Captain Elkins and his first lieutenant gained with awe upon the major general. Mr. Elkins little realized that in the whirligig of time he

would be in a position to issue orders to this same major general. When Mr. Elkins went to Washington to take the position of secretary of war, one of his first callers was General Schofield, the commander of the army. The secretary recalled the instance to the general, and the latter was very much touched by the feeling way in which Mr. Elkins referred to the matter.

HIS POSITION IN NEW MEXICO.

In 1864 Mr. Elkins left Missouri for the west. He was filled with the spirit of adventure. His destination was New Mexico. Arriving in that territory he found that the first thing he would have to do would be to learn the Spanish language. He applied himself to the task and within a year spoke it fluently and does so now. A year later he was elected to the legislature and was, subsequently, made attorney general of the territory. President Johnson appointed him United States attorney for New Mexico, and he was one of the few appointees of President Johnson, who were not removed by General Grant. He served as United States attorney for over four years. Among the insinuations brought against Mr. Elkins is one that he made an enormous fortune while district attorney out of the fees of the office, as is well known, the salary of the district attorney was limited to \$6,000 a year, and at no time while Mr. Elkins held the position did the fees amount to that sum. In fact, he resigned the district attorneyship chiefly for the reason that he could earn a larger income practicing his profession. In 1873 he was chosen a delegate to Congress. It was during his residence in Washington that he met and married a daughter of Senator Henry G. Davis, of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins went to Europe on their wedding journey. He had meanwhile declined a renomination for Congress. But during his absence abroad his friends in New Mexico renominated and re-elected him.

As secretary of war it is conceded by Mr. Elkins' strongest opponents that he made a splendid record. His life on the frontier made him familiar with matters pertaining to the war department.

During the fourteen years that Mr. Elkins has been identified with the interests of West Virginia he has helped to build hundreds of miles of railroads, along which hundreds of new towns have been built, coal mines have been opened and coke ovens built. A large part of the territory opened up by Mr. Elkins and his associates was practically virgin land, as wild as any in the far west. The great benefit these enterprises have been to the state must be apparent to everybody.

FREDERICK C. CRAWFORD.

THE SITUATION

In the Mexican-Guatemalan Boundary Dispute May Lead in a Minister's Recall.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 4.—The expected arrival of ministers from Honduras and Salvador, and the possible nomination of ministers from Nicaragua and Costa Rica, has put a new light on the Guatemalan-Mexican boundary negotiations. The evident object is to support Guatemala and to bring force to make Mexico back down from its attitude. All appearances are that Guatemala is making efforts to form a central American league against Mexico, for the settlement of old scores. The Guatemalan minister is alleged to have telegraphed after his official reception that the response of Diaz was applauded, contrary to diplomatic precedent, that he used threatening language and prejudiced a question of high importance to all Central America. The policy of the minister is evidently not pleasing to his chief for it is alleged that Burios replied requesting that he pursue a more conciliatory policy. The policy of Mariscal and Diaz is noted as forbearing, but unless the envoys take a different task, affairs may become so strained that his recall will follow.

Prominent Martinsburg Citizen Dies.

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MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Albert Queenell died at his residence, on West Martin street, this morning, aged sixty years. His death was caused by a cancerous formation of the liver. He went to the Johns Hopkins hospital, in Baltimore, some time ago, for treatment, but nothing could be done to relieve him of his malady, and about a week ago he returned to his home. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

New Postoffices.

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Resignation was Requested.

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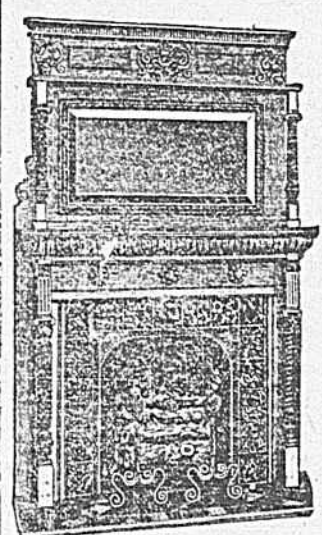
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